



State of Wisconsin
Department of Workforce Development

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS—WISCONSIN BAY AREA

(BROWN, DOOR, FLORENCE, KEWAUNEE, MANITOWOC, MARINETTE, MENOMINEE, OCONTO, SHAWANO, SHEBOYGAN COUNTIES)

March 2005

Wisconsin Bay Area Unemployment Rates Continue Seasonal Rise During February

February 2005	Green Bay MSA	Brown	Door	Flor.	Kew.	Manit.	Marit.	Meno.	Oconto	Shaw.	Sheboygan MSA	Bay Area	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force**	171,300	138,300	15,400	2,900	12,100	44,700	23,200	1,500	20,900	21,600	63,400	344,000	344,000
Employed	161,700	131,000	14,100	2,700	11,400	41,700	21,500	1,400	19,300	20,100	60,400	323,700	323,700
Unemployed	9,600	7,300	1,400	200	700	2,900	1,600	100	1,600	1,400	3,000	20,300	20,300
Unemployment Rate %	5.6%	5.3%	8.8%	6.5%	5.9%	6.6%	7.1%	8.4%	7.6%	6.7%	4.8%	5.9%	5.9%
Change from one month ago January 2005													
Civilian Labor Force**	-700	-700	0	0	0	-100	-200	-30	-50	-100	-300	-1,500	-1,500
Employed	-1,800	-1,400	-100	0	-100	-300	-300	-20	-210	-300	-800	-3,500	-3,500
Unemployed	1,000	800	100	0	100	200	100	-10	170	200	400	2,000	2,000
Unemployment rate(%)	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.2%	0.8%	0.4%	0.5%	-0.3%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%
Change from one year ago February 2004													
Civilian Labor Force**	500	500	-300	0	0	-1,600	-200	-100	0	-700	-200	-2,600	-2,600
Employed	900	700	-200	0	100	-800	-100	0	100	-600	200	-600	-600
Unemployed	-400	-300	-100	0	0	-800	-100	0	-100	-100	-400	-1,900	-1,900
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.7%	0.0%	-0.2%	-1.6%	-0.3%	-1.3%	-0.4%	-0.2%	-0.6%	-0.5%	-0.5%

** Data base on place of residence. Estimates not seasonally adjusted unless noted. Current monthly estimates are preliminary and rounded so total may not add correctly

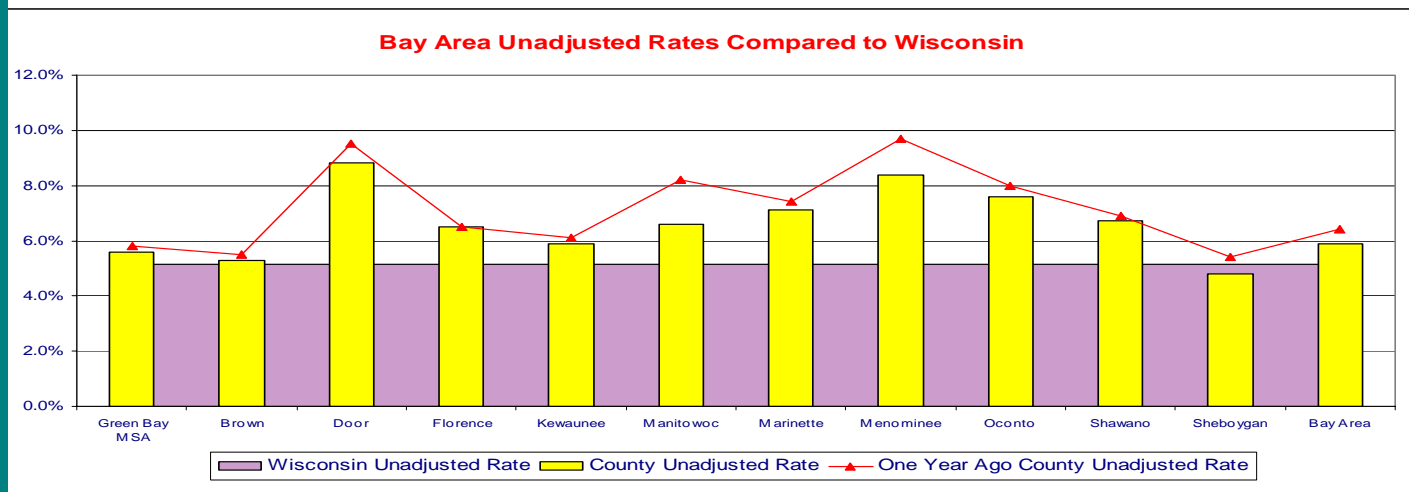
During February the seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate increased in nine of the Bay Area's ten counties. The overall rate for Wisconsin's Bay Area was 5.9 percent. This was an increase of 0.6 of a percentage point from January. Menominee County was the only county in the region to post a decline. The rate in Menominee County dropped 0.3 of a percentage point to 8.4 percent, second highest in the region.

Although the rate for the region posted a typical seasonal increase over the month, the February rate was 0.5 of a

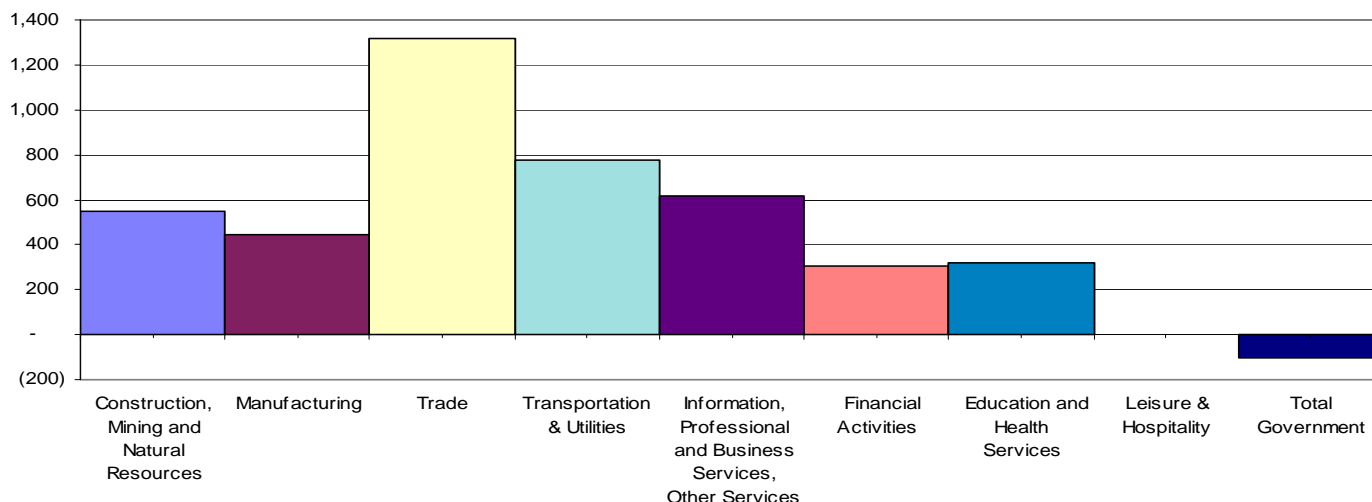
percentage point below February 2004. This continues the economic improvement that started in late 2003 and early 2004. The unemployment rate in all ten counties in the region were at or below last February's levels. Manitowoc County had the greatest over the year decline in its monthly rate, dropping 1.6 of a percentage point to 6.6 percent.

Rates for individual counties varied greatly, ranging from a low of 4.8 percent in the Sheboygan MSA to a high of 8.8 percent in Door County.

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Change from Feb-04 to Feb-05 for Bay Area Total Nonfarm Employment



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Only Door County (8) was included in the ten counties with the highest unemployment rates in the State of Wisconsin during February. As recently as December the area had four counties on this list. Menominee County ranked eleventh in the state.

The number of workers in the labor force as well as the number employed typically declines during the winter months beginning in November and continuing through February. This month followed the general seasonal pattern for the region. The region's labor force declined by 1,500 over the month to 344,000 workers.

The number of workers employed in the region also declined in February. The number employed declined 3,500 from last month to 323,700

The labor force remained below one year ago levels in February. This follows a pattern started in January. The number of employed was also below one year ago levels. The number of employed was down 600.

Nonfarm wage and salary (NFWs) employment decreased 5,800 over the month to 308,800. Service providing jobs were down 4,200 over the month to 220,300, while goods producing jobs declined 1,500 to 88,400 jobs. Typically these industry sectors decline during January and February

and begin to increase during March or April. Generally labor force growth coincides with this seasonal pattern.

The number of jobs in the Bay Area remained above one year ago levels during February. Total nonfarm employment was up 4,200 from last February. This includes a gain of 1,000 in goods producing industries and 3,200 in the service providing industries.

*Note on the table on page three that with the change of the Green Bay MSA to include Brown, Kewaunee, and Oconto Counties that individual county NFWs data is no longer available as it is aggregated into the Green Bay MSA column.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

As of January, seasonally adjusted data is no longer available for sub-state levels. Statewide and national data will continue to have seasonally adjusted data.

The seasonally adjusted rate for the State of Wisconsin was up 0.1 of a percentage point at 4.9 percent. The United States' rate was unchanged at 5.4 percent.

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Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)*

National (U.S. City Average) 1982-84 = 100				%Change				Class B/C - North Central States (1996 = 100)				%Change				Class D - North Central States (1996 = 100)				%Change			
U.S. City Average	Feb-05	Jan-05	Feb-04					(Size 50,000-150,000)	Feb-05	Jan-05	Feb-04					(Size Less than 50,000)	Feb-05	Jan-05	Feb-04				
All Items	0.0	190.7	0.0%					All Items	0.0	117.3	1.7%					All Items	0.0	178.2	0.3%				
Food & Beverage	0.0	189.5	0.0%					Food & Beverage	0.0	116.7	3.0%					Food & Beverage	0.0	182.7	3.7%				
Housing	0.0	191.8	0.0%					Housing	0.0	115.6	1.7%					Housing	0.0	167.2	-0.7%				
Apparel & Upkeep	0.0	116.1	0.0%					Apparel & Upkeep	0.0	85.9	2.0%					Apparel & Upkeep	0.0	126.7	-6.5%				
Transportation	0.0	164.0	0.0%					Transportation	0.0	117.7	-0.4%					Transportation	0.0	154.2	-2.3%				
Gasoline (all Types)	0.0	155.6	0.0%					Gasoline (all Types)	0.0	162.4	-0.3%					Gasoline (all Types)	0.0	144.8	0.4%				
Medical Care	0.0	316.8	0.0%					Medical Care	0.0	137.9	6.3%					Medical Care	0.0	312.7	6.1%				
Energy	0.0	151.9	0.0%					Energy	0.0	147.0	3.1%					Energy	0.0	139.7	3.5%				

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics *Not Seasonally Adjusted

Wisconsin Bay Area Workforce Development Area										
February 2005	Green Bay MSA	Door	Florence	Manitowoc	Marinette	Menominee	Shawano	Sheboygan MSA	Bay Area	Wisconsin
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	166,200	11,800	1,200	34,600	20,300	2,000	12,300	60,500	308,800	2,765,400
Total Private	145,300	10,100	900	30,000	17,900	100	9,400	54,000	267,700	2,339,100
Goods Producing	39,300	2,800	300	11,800	7,000	0	2,500	24,700	88,400	614,200
Service Producing	126,900	9,000	800	22,700	13,300	2,000	9,800	35,800	220,300	2,151,200
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	8,200	900	0	1,600	700	0	500	2,300	14,200	116,300
Manufacturing	31,100	1,900	300	10,200	6,300	0	2,000	22,400	74,300	497,900
Trade	25,000	1,700	100	4,100	2,800	0	2,100	7,700	43,600	421,600
Transportation & Utilities	11,300	100	0	1,500	800	0	300	1,300	15,300	104,100
Financial Activities	11,200	600	0	1,100	500	0	500	2,300	16,200	156,800
Education and Health Services	20,200	1,400	100	4,900	3,100	0	1,500	6,900	38,100	383,300
Leisure & Hospitality	13,800	2,000	200	2,800	1,500	0	1,100	4,400	25,800	233,500
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	24,500	1,600	100	3,800	2,300	0	1,300	6,700	40,200	425,600
Total Government	20,900	1,700	300	4,600	2,400	1,800	2,900	6,500	41,100	426,300
Federal	1,200	100	20	200	100	10	100	200	2,000	29,100
State	2,600	100	10	200	200	10	100	600	3,700	107,900
Local	17,100	1,500	200	4,200	2,100	1,800	2,700	5,700	35,400	289,300
Change from one month ago	January 2005									
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	-4,500	0	0	-100	-200	0	-200	-900	-5,800	-57,000
Percent change NFWS from last month	-2.6%	0.2%	1.1%	-0.2%	-0.9%	-0.5%	-1.4%	-1.5%	-1.8%	-2.0%
Total Private	-4,300	0	20	-120	-250	10	-220	-800	-5,700	-62,000
Goods Producing	-900	100	20	-10	-150	0	-200	-400	-1,500	-13,400
Service Producing	-3,600	-100	-10	0	0	-10	0	-500	-4,200	-43,600
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-600	0	0	-10	-30	0	-20	-200	-900	-10,200
Manufacturing	-300	100	20	0	-130	0	-180	-200	-700	-3,200
Trade	-1,400	0	0	-80	-60	0	0	-100	-1,700	198,800
Transportation & Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	53,500
Financial Activities	200	0	0	-10	0	0	-10	0	200	-600
Education and Health Services	-700	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	-700	-700
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,100	-100	0	-50	0	10	-20	-100	-1,300	-6,800
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	-400	0	0	20	-30	0	10	-200	-600	-9,100
Total Government	-200	0	0	100	100	0	0	-100	-100	5,000
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-300
State	-100	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	-100	2,900
Local	-100	0	0	0	100	-20	0	-100	0	2,400
Change from one year ago	February 2004									
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	3,000	100	0	-100	300	-100	100	1,000	4,200	38,100
Percent change NFWS from last year	1.8%	0.5%	-1.0%	-0.2%	1.3%	-3.6%	0.5%	1.7%	1.4%	1.4%
Total Private	3,200	100	0	-200	300	0	-100	1,000	4,300	32,100
Goods Producing	1,000	0	0	-300	300	0	-200	100	1,000	10,800
Service Producing	2,000	0	0	200	0	-100	200	900	3,200	27,300
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	400	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	500	5,500
Manufacturing	600	0	0	-400	200	0	-200	100	400	5,300
Trade	1,000	-100	0	0	0	0	100	400	1,300	2,500
Transportation & Utilities	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	800	700
Financial Activities	200	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	300	300
Education and Health Services	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	100	300	12,000
Leisure & Hospitality	-500	100	0	-100	0	0	0	500	0	4,100
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	700	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100	600	1,700
Total Government	-200	-100	0	100	0	0	200	0	-100	6,000
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-200
State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,300
Local	-200	-100	-100	100	0	0	200	0	-100	-100
*** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted.										
Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWS data is benchmarked to 3/2003										

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